

III. REMARKS

Applicant is appreciative of the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter as stated on page 5 of the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004.

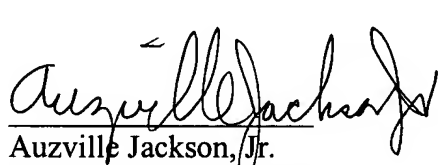
Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 1 and includes all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 19 has also been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 19 and includes all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 4-13 should now be allowable as they depend from claim 1, which in its amended form should be allowable. Claims 20-22 were allowable as previously presented and remain the same. Claims 3 and 14-18 have been canceled.

V. CONCLUSION

Based on the amendment and cancellation of claims as presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner require any further information by Applicant or Applicant's undersigned representative is desirable and necessary regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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